

## **The Idaho National Board Certification Fee Subsidy Program**

The Federal government instituted a program in 1997 to provide financial assistance to individuals wishing to seek certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The program is called the **National Board Certification Fee Subsidy Program**. This program provides up to one-half of the fees required for National Board certification. At this time, the total cost of the National Board certification process is \$2,300. Thus the subsidy program can pay for up to \$1,150 of the total fees for a candidate who meets the eligibility requirements.

### **Eligibility for NBPTS certification**

To be eligible for the Candidate Subsidy money, the individual must first apply for and be accepted into the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program. The requirements that must be met in order to establish eligibility for acceptance into the NBPTS program are:

- A. The individual must possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution;
- B. The individual must have completed three (3) years of successful teaching; and,
- C. The individual must hold a current, valid state teaching license.

All eligibility requirements must be met prior to submitting an application for NBPTS certification. More specific information about the requirements can be obtained by calling 1-800-22TEACH or by going to [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org). An application packet for entry into the NBPTS program may also be requested at these two sites.

### **Eligibility for Candidate Subsidy funding**

In order to receive any Candidate Subsidy funding, the individual must first be enrolled in the NBPTS certification program. Verification of enrollment can be a notarized copy of a receipt or cancelled check. A copy of the on-line registration process at [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org) can also be printed off and submitted to provide enrollment verification. Because the funding for the Candidate Subsidy program is limited, recipients will be determined by the date their application for the subsidy funding is received in this office.

### **Availability of applications**

An application for the National Board Certification Fee Subsidy Program can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Certification & Professional Standards (208-332-6800) or the state office of the Idaho Education Association (208-334-1341). Application blanks can also be found at [www.sde.state.id.us/certification](http://www.sde.state.id.us/certification) and at [www.idahoea.org](http://www.idahoea.org). Larry Norton, Certification Specialist in the State Department of Education, is the program contact person. He may be reached at (208) 332-6885 or at [lnorton@sde.state.id.us](mailto:lnorton@sde.state.id.us).

